

An Ostrage on the Christian Religion. From the N. Y. Independent. It is the glory of Christianity that it stoops to the lowly. The proud exalt the proud. The great flatter the great. The strong make fellowship with the strong. The rich rank themselves with the rich. But Jesus Christ was the Messiah of the poor. Born in a manger, he made the lowliest roof sacred. The son of a carpenter, he made the commonest calling honorable. Having not wherewith to lay his head, he took from poverty its disgrace. Condescending to men of low estate, he made pride of rank forever despicable. Lifted up that he might draw all men unto him, he thereby invited human nature with a dignity which forbids the strong man to oppress the weak, forbids society to divide itself into castes, and forbids the Government to outrage its citizens.

In contravention of the Christian religion, the President of the United States has once again set his heel on the necks of the lowly. His late Message is the greatest affront to the Christian spirit of the age which has been given by any Presidential manifesto since the iniquitous days of the Fugitive Slave law. With scorn and indignation, with sorrow and shame, we have read the dull, stony, and cruel argument which the Chief Magistrate of a Christian republic has pointed against a class of citizens who ought to be exalted rather than to degrade, and whom he ought to clasp with the hand of fellowship rather than to smite with the gauntlet of scorn. This state-paper is without parallel and without excuse. It is out of harmony with the Christian era. It is three hundred centuries old. It is the product of a Pagan brain. By the side of the Roman Emperor who kept in his girdle a lodkin to pierce lies, let us place an American President who keeps in his inkstand a pen to stab negroes.

This new document from the White Sulphure is filled with dead men's bones. It crushes at a stroke not merely a multitude, but a race of victims who roll like juggernaut, over the rights of one-sixth portion of the American people. It relights the dying fires of that martyrdom which the negro races on this continent suffered for generations, and ought to suffer no more. It begins again the persecutions which all mankind lately supposed were drawing to an end. Not even Horatio Seymour, were he Governor, nor Fernando Wood, were he Mayor, would have written, at this late date, a message so bitter in its accusations against the most delicate race in the Republic. The man who promised the black-faced millions of his fellow-countrymen that he was to be their Moses; the man who wrote to Governor Sharkey that all negroes who could read and write ought to vote; the man who said to Major Stearns that negro suffrage ought to be promoted in Tennessee; the man who assured the black regiment that this Government was not to be for white men alone—this man, forgetting his pledges, forgetting his duty, forgetting his Lord, and forgetting the Judgment Day, has shocked his own nation, and astonished mankind, by putting forth, under the solemn seal of the Executive Department, an official resolute, in the year 1867, of the satanic slanders against the negro which disgraced the year 1856.

During the peril of the republic, the negro was a loyalist; his master a traitor. The negro was the nation's defender; his master its assassin. The negro succeeded Union prisoners; his master starved them to death. Yet now, after this history, the President proposes to deliver the negro, bound hand and foot, to his master! He argues that black loyalists should have no political rights, and white Rebels no political disabilities. He asks for the repeal of all that Congress has done towards reconstruction, in order that Southern whites may immediately be reinstated over Southern blacks. He declares that impartial suffrage is worse than military despotism. He intimates that black men are unfit, not only to share political power with their white brethren, but even to govern themselves. He believes that foreign immigrants should have more privileges than native-born citizens. He insists that no perill has ever yet befallen the republic equal to the perill which will ensue from what he calls Africanizing one-half the country. He maintains that what is stigmatized as negro supremacy in the South will paralyze all the mercantile business south of Mason and Dixon's obliterated line.

Such an argument as the President has uttered against the negro, comes from the lips of no man under the sun except a Southern "mean white." The only human being who has ever been able to shake our faith in the equality of mankind is the Southern "mean white." From any other President ever to be chosen out of this same class, "Good Lord, deliver us!"

How strangely the President's Message falls upon the ears of thoughtful Europeans! One President of the United States issues a proclamation emancipating the slaves; and his successor writes a message asking practically for their rendition to slavery. How the beginning of 1863 paled to shame the end of 1867! How the silent sepulchre at Springfield rebukes the babbling Executive at Washington!

Spiritual wickedness prevails in high places. What is the remedy? Spiritual purity must prevail all the more in other places. When the Government is base, the people must be noble. When the State is false, the Church must be faithful. The Christian conscience of this nation ought to be so sensitive that such a Message from the President would sting twenty million loyalists to indignation, and set its author his immediate impeachment. The Christian religion ought to prevail among the people to such a degree that a Chief Magistrate who would speak against the just rights of the weakest citizen would raise as great a tempest about his head as if he had publicly assailed the Thirty-nine Articles. A nation that quietly looks on while its ruler tramples a negro shall be one day trampled itself.

The venerable Rev. Dr. Cutler, of Brooklyn, on his death-bed, said to his friend the Rev. Dr. Tying, who sat at his bedside, "I feel like talking by the hand the meanest beggar that walks the earth, if so be I may stand his equal in the Kingdom of Heaven!" How the temper of the dying saint contrasts with the temper of the living President! And how, in view of the eternal bar, all human distinctions disappear! How, before Him who is no respecter of persons, both the white skin and the black lose their difference of pride! How, judging by a true Christian test, the mind revolts at a tyrant who would use his "brief hour of authority" for setting his foot even on a slave!

This nation needs to be rebaptized in the fountain of political equality. To this end, the Lord's Gospel must be more fervently proclaimed. The Christian pulpit must preach the just rights of the weakest citizen would raise as great a tempest about his head as if he had publicly assailed the Thirty-nine Articles. A nation that quietly looks on while its ruler tramples a negro shall be one day trampled itself.

We want to see tyrany swept out of the land! We want to see the civil and political rights of all American citizens established on a rock of adamant. We want to see all nations and classes brought into national harmony and unity. We want to see justice done alike to rich and poor, high and low, white and black. We want to see the Christian religion victorious over men's pride of birth and prejudice of skin. We want to see a truer value set upon that human nature which the Lord thought worthy of redeeming at so high a price. We want to see the Gospel leveling no class down, but all classes up. We want to live under a Government which fears God and respects its citizens. We want to see a awakening Church leading the sluggish State. We want to hear the echoes of thirty thousand pulpits, proclaiming with an eloquence heretofore unheard by the ears of this generation, the inherent and ineradicable equality, nobility, and immortality of all mankind! Oh, for a baptism of fire!

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A Hard Hit. From the N. Y. Independent. A friend showed us his book of autographs, the other day, in which, on the same page, were a sentiment by Professor Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, and a contradictory sentiment by the Rev. Dr. Cheever, who is himself an electric battery. Professor Morse wrote:—"Man's fundamental proneness to evil involves the idea of government as a necessity, and government involves slavery, which is but a form of government, having no intrinsic moral character, and hence does not need early involve the idea of sin. The great and wide-spread error on this point is the prolific source of our present national troubles."

"New York, Feb. 27, 1861." Directly under the above, Dr. Cheever wrote the following:—"Slavery is man-stealing, the making merchandise of man, a crime condemned of God in the penalty of death. Slavery is the most extreme and impious perversion of government, from the nature and purpose with which God hath ordained it for man's good, to an instrument of the greatest wickedness and cruelty. But, if friend Morse admits it, we should like to have his theory of government tried upon himself. Experience might enlighten and rectify his opinion as to its beneficial effect upon others."

"Washington City, Feb. 18, 1862." It strikes us that in the above tournament the reverend doctor gave the scientific professor something of a galvanic shock.

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